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The new Local Cantina at Creekside will be slinging tacos and margaritas very soon. The Mexican style restaurant is expanding both its capabilities and hours for its second restaurant set to open in the Gahanna Creekside Plaza.

Full story [here!](#)



The Gahanna Chamber is excited to offer a new community leadership program; Leadership Gahanna. Leadership Gahanna's unique format makes the community the classroom.

It is designed to develop and strengthen leadership skills, increase knowledge of local issues, and connect with others in the Gahanna community.

Cost is \$700 for the nine-month course (September through May) which will educate and mentor participants to take an active and responsible role in the community.

For more information visit the Gahanna Chamber's website at <http://gahannaareachamber.com> and click the link under Business Resources.

More details [here!](#)

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CITY OF GAHANNA

Federal Grant Will Help Gahanna Repair Stream

Gahanna will receive a federal grant to restore a section of Sycamore Run that crosses property owned by the Sycamore Woods Condominium Association.

City Engineer, Karl Wetherholt, said the cost of the project to improve water quality and habitat along the stream is expected to be about \$320,595. He estimates the total value of the project, including a conservation easement that will be donated, at \$338,195.

The federal grant will cover 60 percent of the cost with the city and the condo association paying the remaining 40 percent.

Full story [here!](#)

Regional Development News

JobsOhio Chief Says Hiring 'Modest' in 1Q

JobsOhio managed to land commitments for 17,375 new and retained jobs in the first quarter even in what its president, John Minor, called a soft economy in explaining why the agency's recruitment numbers were down from a year ago.

Full story [here!](#)

Workers' Compensation Rebates Coming to Public and Private Employers

Governor Kasich has proposed a plan to provide rebates for all 210,000 customers of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation and triple grants supporting worker safety programs. The plan would go into effect this summer and

A New Kind of Summer Concerts

Creekside Live @ 5 is a free summer concert series with live entertainment headlined by popular bands from the Midwest.

Join us for the biggest Friday happy hour in Central Ohio. Bring your friends and coworkers to enjoy Creekside Park with live entertainment, food and adult beverage sales.

More details [here!](#)

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Lunch Break Special - Gahanna Municipal Golf Course

Take some time to enjoy 9 holes of golf on your lunch break. Just be sure to mention you want the "Lunch Break Special".

Monday - Thursday from 11:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.
9 holes with cart for \$12
220 Olde Ridenour Road
614-342-4270

More details [here!](#)

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CITY OF GAHANNA

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Welcomes this business to the community!



Gahanna Vision Center

EyeColumbus.com

Founded in 1967, Gahanna Vision Center has been a reliable source for the highest level of eye care and superior eyewear.

In 2010, Dr. Craig Miller took over as President and owner of Gahanna Vision Center. Continuing the positive, patient-centered tradition in Gahanna, Dr. Miller was recognized as "Best Optometrist in Columbus 2011". Furthermore, Gahanna Vision Center was also recognized in 2012 as one of the best growing practices in the country.

rebate checks could be several million dollars.

Full story [here!](#)



Columbus 2020 Update

Jobs and Security

Our generation faces a significantly different security challenge than our forbearers. The security challenges of today, including both threats against our nation and our person, are unique because of sweeping technology advancements and the generation, analysis and aggregation of personal information.

Full story [here!](#)

Health Care, Logistics, IT Led Modest Jobs Gains in 1Q

Central Ohio added 1,000 jobs in the first quarter even though you can't tell by its unemployment rate, says a quarterly update published by Columbus 2020, the region's economic development organization.

Full story [here!](#)



Workers' Compensation Rates May Be Cut

Ohio's private employers could see their workers' compensation premiums fall by 2.1 percent under a proposal from the state.

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation pitched the year long rate reduction at the board's actuarial committee meeting, crediting strong investments, favorable claim frequency, claim severity and payroll trends for its ability to make the move.

Full story [here!](#)

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Small Business Tax Cut Restored

Ohio small business owners may get their tax cut after all. The bill would restore the 50 percent income tax deduction for small business owners originally proposed by Governor John Kasich but deleted in the House's version of the two year budget blueprint in April.

This growth has led Gahanna Vision Center to expand into its new space located at 83 N. Hamilton Road.

For more information visit www.eyecolumbus.com or call (614) 471-7177.



New Program with Banks to Increase Lending to Veterans

The Small Business Administration agency said it is launching the SBA Veteran Pledge Initiative, aimed at raising business loans to veterans by 5 percent a year for the next five years.

More than 120 banks across the country, including many major banks, are making the pledge. The SBA says the program is expected to help 2,000 veterans get loans totaling \$475 million over the life of the program.

Full story [here!](#)

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Marketing Tips that Won't Break the Bank

Looking for ideas to incorporate the summer season into your marketing plans this year? Whether it is a busy or quiet time for your business, here are some things you can do to take advantage of the summer months!

Full story [here!](#)

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U.S. Government Can Help You Finance Your Small Business Exports

Looking to expand into overseas markets? Whether you are entering the export market, looking to upgrade your equipment or facilities in preparation for exporting, or helping your international buyers do business with you - there's a U.S. government financing program that can help.

Full story [here!](#)

But the Senate proposal removes a 7 percent income tax cut for all taxpayers that is part of the House Bill and well below the 20 percent cut over three years favored by Kasich.

Full story [here!](#)

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Ohio Unemployment Rate Improves to 7%

Ohio's unemployment rate edged down to 7 percent in April from 7.1 percent a month earlier on a slight increase in employment and as people left the labor force.

Full story [here!](#)

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Ohio Program to Repay Building Owners for Energy Efficiency Upgrades

The Council of Smaller Enterprises will offer a first-ever program to recoup building owners in Ohio for the cost of energy efficiency upgrades through regular monthly billing.

Under the Ohio Energy Resource Fund, the additional cost of the upgrades coupled with less energy use would result in a bill lower to or equal to, by contract, the old utility bill. The program allows for upgrades of up to \$1 million and the fund is expected to raise \$10 million by the end of the year.

Full story [here!](#)

Tech-Tip of the Month

Ways Social Media Can Accelerate Business Development

Good work begets more good work. When you exceed customer expectations, deliver impressive results and consistently go the extra mile, word spreads.

Want to accelerate this tried-and-true business development practice? Incorporate social media. Whether you're a small company or a larger brand, social media scales lead generation, uncovers new opportunities and shortens the sales cycle. Combined, these result in faster growth, better clients and no cold calls.

Full story [here!](#)

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How Important Is It to Know About

Upcoming Events!

OGCP
Olde Gahanna Community Partnership

OGCP Monthly Meeting

When: Wednesday, June 12, 8:15am to 9:00am

Where: Olde Gahanna Sanctuary
82 N. High Street, Gahanna

For more details go to <http://oldegahanna.com>

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Concert

"After Midnight" (Classic Rock)

When: Friday, June 7, 5:00pm to 9:00pm

Where: Creekside Park & Plaza
117 Mill Street, Gahanna

For more details [click here!](#)

Resources & Information



www.gahanna.gov

Looking for available properties in the City? Access our searchable database for buildings and land for sale or lease.

www.gahannaareachamber.com

Are you a member of the Gahanna Area Chamber of Commerce? If not, check out all the benefits of belonging.

www.business.ohio.gov

The Ohio Business Gateway can help you find the information and services you need to keep your business thriving.

Your Website Traffic?

Not checking your website analytics is just as bad as not monitoring your sales. It can lead to crisis. This is particularly true if you are paying to advertise your website anywhere.

The result is that you end up throwing hundreds of dollars a month into an online ad (or hours of your precious time into social media) and you don't generate any traffic!

Full story [here!](#)



www.grownow.ohio.gov

growNOW, brought to you by the Ohio State Treasurer's office, enables small business owners to receive a 3% interest rate reduction on new or existing small business loans.

<https://aepretailenergy.com/>

AEP can assist businesses looking for a retail electricity provider. Save money on electricity now!

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